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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE CONSENSUS  
ON BILL OF RIGHTS

REF: PRETORIA 260

1. DURING EARLY SESSIONS 12-MAN CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, CONSENSUS WAS REACHED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ON INCLUSION BILL OF RIGHTS IN CONSTITUTION. PROVISIONS PROPOSED INCLUDED EQUALITY OF ALL BEFORE THE LAW, FREEDOM OF RELIGION, FREEDOM OF PRESS WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS (NOT DEFINED), RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY, RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF MINORITY GROUPS AND GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION, AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. DELEGATES ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN DECIDING HOW THIS BILL OF RIGHTS COULD BE ENFORCED, BUT ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS.

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WM UNEXPECTED OPPOSITION OF WHITE DELEGATION TO CREATION OF POST OF PRIME MINISTER WITH USUAL WESTMINSTER POWERS AROSE JANUARY 20. VERKRAMPTE WHITE DELEGATE VAN ZIJL FIRST PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ELECT A CHAIRMAN ON ROTATIONAL BASIS, SAYING THAT PROPOSAL WAS NOT MEANT TO REFLECT ANYTHING PERSONAL AGAINST "MAN TIPPED TO BE COUNTRY'S PRIME MINISTER

AFTER INDEPENDENCE", (DIRK MUDGE). ALL TEN BLACK AND BROWN DELEGATIONS STRONGLY OPPOSED VAN ZIJL PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BUT HE PERSISTED IN POINT THAT CHAIRMAN REPLACE PRIME MINISTER, THOUGH HE DROPPED IDEA OF ROTATION OF THE POST.

3. MEETING ADJOURNED EARLY ON 20TH TO PERMIT PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AND PROBLEM OF ENFORCEMENT OF BILL OF RIGHTS. FORMAL SESSIONS SHOULD RESUME AFTERNOON 21ST OR MONDAY AT LATEST.  
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